(b) whether the motive behind the assassination has been established and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The case is still under investigation and it will not be in the public interest to disclose any details at this stage.

[*English*]

Road-Side Police Check Posts in Delhi

362. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the road-side police check posts in Delhi are stopping the cars, scooters, etc. to get their numbers etched on the vehicles;

(b) the organisation/agency which has made this arrangement:

(c) the tasks assigned to the police check posts;

(d) whether any complaint regarding overstepping of jurisdiction by these posts has been received by the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Delhi Police have reported that a number of petrol pumps in Delhi have provided etching facility for cars, scooters, etc. The police pickets posted near these petrol pumps apprise the owners of cars/scooters about availability of etching facility and impress upon them the desirability of having their cars etched for prevention and detection of theft. No vehicle owner is forced to get the vehicle etched.

(c) The main tasks of the police staff posted at checkposts are to remain on the look-out for stolen vehicles for vehicles involved in criminal/terrorist activities; for persons involved in criminal activities, etc.: and to provide general security and to maintained law & order.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

Fire in Jhuggis

363 SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:

SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

SHRI RAM SAGAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a devastating fire broke out in Jhuggis near old Yamuna bridge recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the loss of life and property therein and the cause of fire;

(c) the number of incidents of fire reported in Delhi during the last two years;

(d) the loss of life and property involved in those incidents; and

(e) the details of the compensation given to such fire victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) On 17-4-1991, a serious fire broke out in Jhuggis near Old Yamuna Bridge, Delhi.

(b) Four lives were lost and about 1890 jhuggis burnt. The probable cause of fire was electric short-circuit. Loss of property is estimated to be Rs 19.65 lakhs approximately.

(c) to (e) During the period from 1-4-1989 to 31-3-1991, 71 incidents of fire took place. 43 persons lost their lives. A sum of Rs. 63,40,686/- was disbursed amongst the fire victims as per the details given below:

Year	*Amount*
1989—90 —	35,19,136/-
1990—91 -	28,21,550/-

Benefits to Coconut Growers

364. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vegetable seeds declared as oilseeds,

(b) the benefits given to farmers growing oilseeds;

(c) whether coconut growers are getting all the benefits that are given to farmers growing oilseeds;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits are passed on to coconut growers also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Nine

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme being operated in 18 States covering 319 districts specific financial assistance is made available to State Governments/ I.C.A.R for giving benefit to farmers on basic key inputs like seed, plant protection measures, State demonstration/frontline demonstration by ICAR, improved farming implements, minikits containing seeds and seed treating chemicals, etc. 100% grant-in-aid is given to ICAR for breeder seed production frontline demonstration and production of foundation seeds to States. In the other components the pattern of financial assistance is on a 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the States.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Coconut Development Board is already implementing certain schemes for the benefit of Coconut growers. Government are now taking steps to confer benefits to Coconut growers under the Technology Mission on Oilseeds.

Construction of Fishing Harbours in Kerala

365. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Fishing Harbour projects in Kerala cleared so far under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme;

(b) the progress made so far in the construction of these projects; and

(c) the total Central Assistance provided to those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) A Statement is given below

STATEMENT

(*Rs in lakhs*)

Sl. No.	*Fishery Harbour*	*Progress*	*Central assistance released*
1	Neendakara	100%	292.50
2	Vizhinjam	75%	529.43
3	Puthiappa	85%	120 00
4	Thangassery	5%	90.00
5	Munambam	10%	22.5